

Homework 9

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1) 6.3.4

1.a)

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\theta^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\theta^2}}, \quad x \geq 0,$$

$$\mu = \theta \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \theta^2 \frac{4 - \pi}{2}$$

Methods of moments. We have a single parameter (θ) so we only need to find the first moment.

$$\hat{\mu}_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu = \theta \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

We can set them equal and solve for θ :

$$\bar{x} = \theta \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\bar{x} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} = \hat{\theta}$$

2) 6.3.6

2.a)

$$X_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$p_X(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

Maximum likelihood: we will find the log-likelihood.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(p_X(x)) &= \ln\left(\frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}\right) \\ &= \ln(\lambda^x) + \ln(e^{-\lambda}) - \ln(x!) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}(\theta) &= n \ln(e^{-\theta}) + \sum_{i=1}^n [\ln(\theta^{x_i}) - \ln(x_i!)] \\
&= -n\theta + \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i \ln(\theta) - \ln(x_i!)] \\
&= -n\theta + \ln(\theta) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i!)
\end{aligned}$$

We can set the derivative of the log-likelihood equal to zero to find the maximum.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\mathcal{L}(\theta)}{d\theta} &= -n + \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
\Rightarrow 0 &= -n + \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
n\theta &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
\hat{\theta} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
&= \bar{x}
\end{aligned}$$

2.b)

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{x} &= \frac{12 + 2 \cdot 11 + 3 \cdot 14 + 4 \cdot 9}{50} \\
&= 2.24
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\hat{\lambda} = 2.24$.

2.c)

Model-based variance:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}(X) &= \hat{\lambda} \\
&= 2.24
\end{aligned}$$

Sample variance:

$$\begin{aligned}
S_x &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\
&= 1.533
\end{aligned}$$

If the data truly assumes a Poisson distribution, then we should use the model-based variance as it more accurately represents the population.

3) 6.3.7

3.a)

$$X \sim \text{nbinom}(r = 5, p = ?)$$

$$P(X = x) = \binom{x+4}{x} (1-p)^x p^5$$

$$\mathcal{L}(p) = 5 \ln(p) + \ln \binom{X+4}{X} + \ln(1-p)X$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dp} &= \frac{5}{p} - \frac{X}{1-p} \\ \Rightarrow \quad 0 &= \frac{5}{p} - \frac{X}{1-p} \\ \hat{p} &= \frac{5}{5+X} \end{aligned}$$

3.b)

3.c)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p} &= \frac{5}{5+47} \\ &= 0.096 \end{aligned}$$